

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 84-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 45 DAY PROCESSING OF AFDC APPLICATIONS

## REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the concerns of the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) regarding the performance of numerous counties with respect to processing of AFDC applications. Attached are data showing the percentage of applications exceeding the 45 day period for each county as well as the statewide percentage for the two most recent reporting quarters.

Regulations (MPP 40-126, Promptness Requirements) specify certain extenuating circumstances which are beyond the control of the county and which may cause more than the 45 allotted days to be taken for processing. However, such circumstances should be rare.

For the quarter ending March 1984 the number of applications exceeding the 45 day period for nine of the counties was 1.0 percent or less. On the other hand, thirty-five of the forty-three counties that reported exceeded 1.0 percent and for twelve of those counties AFDC applications pending longer than 45 days exceeded 10.0 percent. Several counties have not reported their application processing data to the SDSS. Others may be having problems reporting accurately.

We are very concerned about this application processing situation. We expect counties with either reporting problems or excessive numbers of applications exceeding the 45 day period to take immediate action to correct the situation.

The AFDC Corrective Action Bureau will be monitoring the performance of counties on application processing and will be in contact with counties that continue to have problems.

If you are experiencing difficulty in reporting application processing data or have questions about computing or reporting your county's figures, contact the Reports Section of the Statistical Services Branch at (916) 322-2230.

If you have questions about the promptness requirements, contact the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330.

Your prompt attention to this important matter is appreciated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. J. Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

DENNIS J. BOYLE  
Acting Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

COUNTIES	Percent of AFDC Applications Exceeding 45 Days for Processing		
	Quarter Ending Dec. 1983	Quarter Ending March 1984	
Statewide	5.5	3.9	
ALAMEDA	16.4	12.7	
ALPINE	NA	NA	
AMADOR	15.4	7.9	
BUTTE	16.4	17.6	
CALAVERAS	NA	NA	
COLUSA	NA	NA	
CONTRA COSTA	3.3	3.5	
DEL NORTE	1.0	8.8	
EL DORADO	NA	NA	
FRESNO	8.8	8.2	
GLENN	NA	NA	
HUMBOLDT	0.3	1.3	
IMPERIAL	27.7	10.0	
INYO	NA	NA	
KERN	0.2	0.4	
KINGS	12.1	18.4	
LAKE	41.1	14.5	
LASSEN	19.1	6.6	
LOS ANGELES	0.3	0.5	
MADERA	NA	NA	
MARIN	20.2	9.5	
MARIPOSA	NA	NA	
MENDOCINO	NA	NA	
MERCED	3.9	2.3	
MODOC	NA	13.4	
MONO	NA	NA	
MONTEREY	0.7	1.2	
NAPA	20.1	24.9	
NEVADA	4.1	2.3	
ORANGE	2.2	2.6	
PLACER	4.7	1.5	
PLUMAS	NA	NA	
RIVERSIDE	0.3	1.2	
SACRAMENTO	NA	NA	
SAN BENITO	NA	8.6	
SAN BERNARDINO	10.0	0.1	
SAN DIEGO	19.0	4.5	
SAN FRANCISCO	0.1	0.2	
SAN JOAQUIN	0.7	1.3	
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1.6	0.7	
SAN MATEO	2.3	2.5	* Data are from form CA 237 FG/U
SANTA BARBARA	NA	NA	
SANTA CLARA	13.3	14.3	
SANTA CRUZ	1.5	7.7	
SHASTA	3.8	0.6	NA = Data Not Available
SIERRA	NA	NA	
SISKIYOU	12.4	10.7	
SOLANO	21.0	12.3	
SONOMA	1.2	0.9	
STANISLAUS	0.8	7.3	
SUTTER	0.6	0.2	
TEHAMA	3.8	1.0	
TRINITY	NA	NA	
TULARE	19.4	22.1	
TUOLUMNE	28.2	34.5	
VENTURA	6.0	3.5	
YOLO	21.6	31.2	
YUBA	2.8	3.7	